

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, RP  
SUBJECT: ELECTION AFTERMATH: PRAY-IN AT THE MANILA  
- CATHEDRAL

1. ACCORDING TO AP REPORT (NOT CARRIED IN LOCAL PRESS), SOME 500 PRIESTS AND NUNS HELD A "DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER" AT THE MANILA CATHEDRAL SUNDAY, APRIL 30, TO PROTEST THE RESULTS OF THE APRIL 7 ELECTIONS AND ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER MARTIAL LAW. MASS WAS CELEBRATED BY 50 PRIESTS AND PRAYERS WERE OFFERED FOR DETAINEES. REV. JOAQUIN BERNAS, SUPERIOR OF THE JESUIT ORDER, IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE PROTEST WAS HELD WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF CARDINAL SIN.

2. COMMENT: CARDINAL SIN INFORMED CHARGE THAT THE ORGANIZERS OF THE AFFAIR CAME TO HIM AND ASKED FOR A LITURGY OF PROTEST CONCERNING THE ELECTIONS. THE CARDINAL REFUSED, SAYING THE LITURGY WAS NOT FOR PARTISAN USE. SIN COUNSELLED THE PETITIONERS RATHER TO PRAY AND AUTHORIZED THE USE OF THE CATHEDRAL FOR SUCH PRAYER ON A ONE-TIME BASIS. THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF THE CARDINAL'S PRESIDING OVER THESE ACTIVITIES--HE WAS ABSENT FROM MANILA ON THAT DAY. STULL

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